

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): A HOMOGENIZATION VALVE

By (Inventors): Simone GRANDI, Marco GANDINI, Parma, Italy

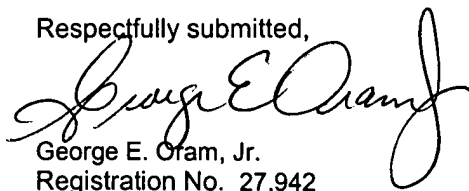
- ☒ 11 pages of Specification/Claims 1-11/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-7; 6 sheets) are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to NIRO-SOAVI S.p.A. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, --  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. PR2003A000089 filed October 15, 2003 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

			SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 385	OR		\$ 770
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			TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$ 770

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$810.00 (\$770 for the filing fee and \$40 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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